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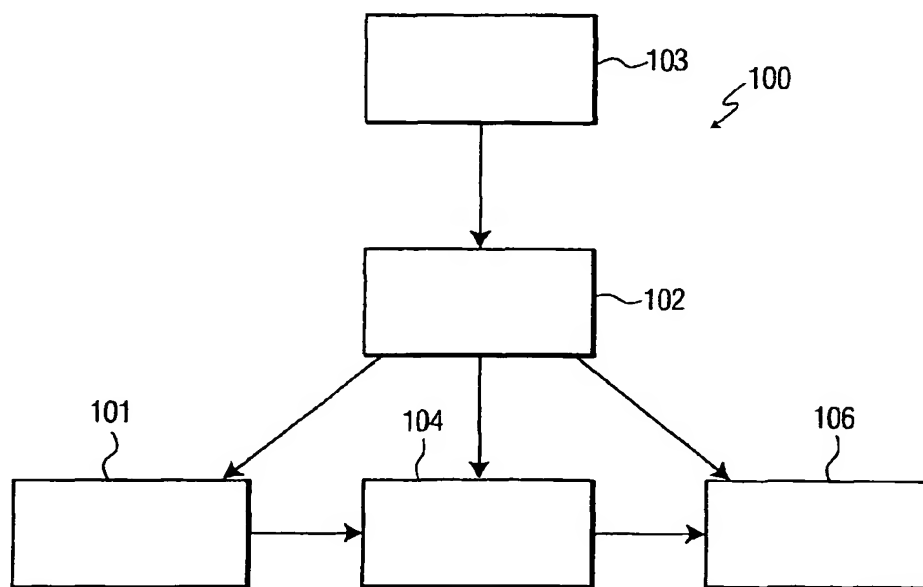
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(57) Abstract: Techniques for improved seamless AB loop play, such as may be implemented in an optical disk reproducing device (100) are provided. In particular, the invention addresses the need for improved seamless AB loop play in an optical disk reproducing apparatus (100) with particular concern for two cases: (1) where the data points A and B are close together and (2) where fragmentation (non-sequential and/or non-contiguous data block storage) exists on the storage medium (101) from which the AB loop play data is to be read.

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